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1. The Svatopluk Barracks, located on the northern perimeter of the borough of Zidenice in Brno (P 49/N 40), included a storage area with 50 to 60 military boats in late May 1951. Skoda and Praga RN trucks were stored in the courtyard. The barracks installation was enclosed by a brick wall, 2 meters high and topped by barbed wire. A fairly large training ground extending over several kilometers was located northeast of the installation. In May 1951, more than 1,000 soldiers were observed receiving indoctrination in front of blackboards in groups of about 60 men each. Drill practice was started after a one-hour period of indoctrination. A major was the ranking officer.
2. About ten light guns, details of which were not specified by source, were observed from the road, in the area of a barracks installation located on the east side of Trzaska ul. leading to the suburb of Krclovo Pole. Jeeps and trucks were observed entering the area of the installation.
3. A two-story building, about 200 meters long, was located on the opposite side of the street. The building, near a streetcar stop, was referred to by the streetcar guards as a military clothing depot up to 1948.
4. The Masaryk Barracks adjoining the clothing depot to the west was occupied by a unit of soldiers wearing red service color in April 1951. A unit of about 150 men, commanded by a captain, was observed moving into the installation. The unit was broken down into five platoons, each of which was equipped with one light machine gun.
5. The barracks installation located on the northern perimeter of the borough of Cerna Pole on the east side of Lesnicka ul. consisted of three-story brick buildings and was enclosed by a wall, 60 cm high and supporting a woven wire fence, 1.5 meters high and topped by four lines of barbed wire. About 20 light guns equipped with muzzle brakes and two wheels with pneumatic tires were observed in the barracks yard in May 1951.
6. Kravi hora barracks, located northwest of the city, was occupied by troops some of whom wore brown and others red service color in May 1951. From 30

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to 40 light guns were observed inside the barracks.

7. The barracks installation located on the so-called Spilberk on the western perimeter of the city quartered the military court and a military and a civilian prison. According to source, this was generally known in the city. *

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